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Tim Drake's Personal Nightmare.

IT'S NOT
REAL...
IT'S NOT
REAL...

HEY DRAKE...
CAN YOU STILL
HEAR ME?

Y-YEAH...
I CAN HEAR YOU,
JASON.

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ARE YOU
OKAY?

Jason Todd's Personal Nightmare.

I'M
PRETTY @#\$%
FAR FROM
OKAY.

I CAN
BARELY HEAR YOU
THROUGH ALL THE
BLOOD IN MY
EARS...

OF ALL THE
PEOPLE IN OUR
LITTLE **FAMILY**, DID
YOU EVER GUESS WE'D
BE THE ONES DYING
TOGETHER?

I...I THINK
IT'S OVER FOR US.
WE'RE DONE.

TIM? YOU
HEAR ME OR
WHAT?





JASON?!

...

MAYBE
HE'S *RIGHT*...
MAYBE IT IS ALL
OVER--



THAT'S
WHAT I WANTED
TO HEAR.

IT'S THE
SWEET MARINADE
OF DEFEAT I WANTED
YOU TO SOAK IN
BEFORE *KILLING*
YOU.

ONCE
YOU AND YOUR
PAL ARE BOTH AT
YOUR *LOWEST*,
WHEN YOU'VE
BEGGED FOR
DEATH--

KRAK

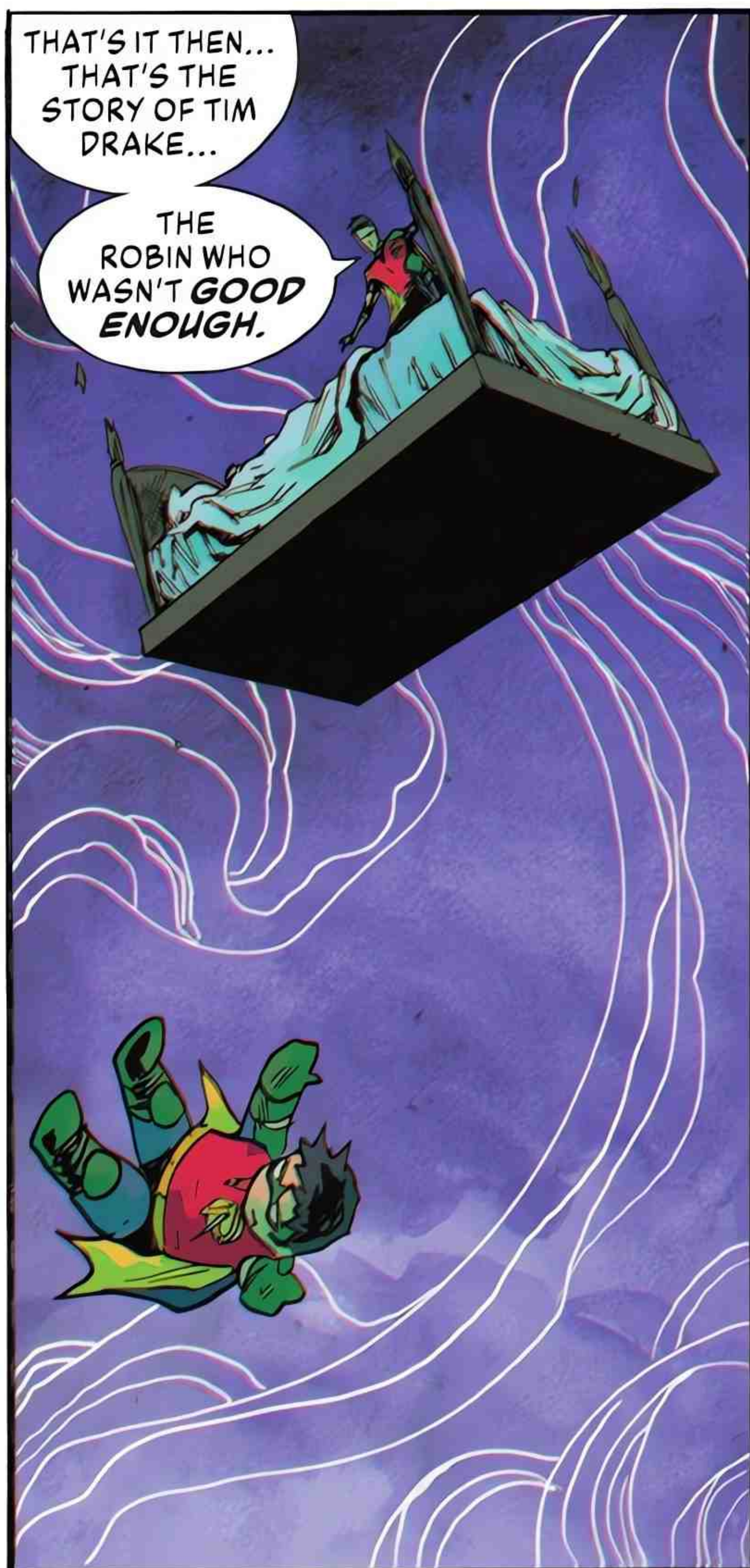


"--THEN WE'LL
GIVE IT TO YOU...
SLOWLY."



JUST...*END*
IT ALREADY!
COME ON!

WHAT ARE
YOU *WAITING*
FOR?!





ABOUT ONE
TOO MANY STEPS
OVER THE EDGE,
DRAKE.

I MEANT
PHYSICALLY.

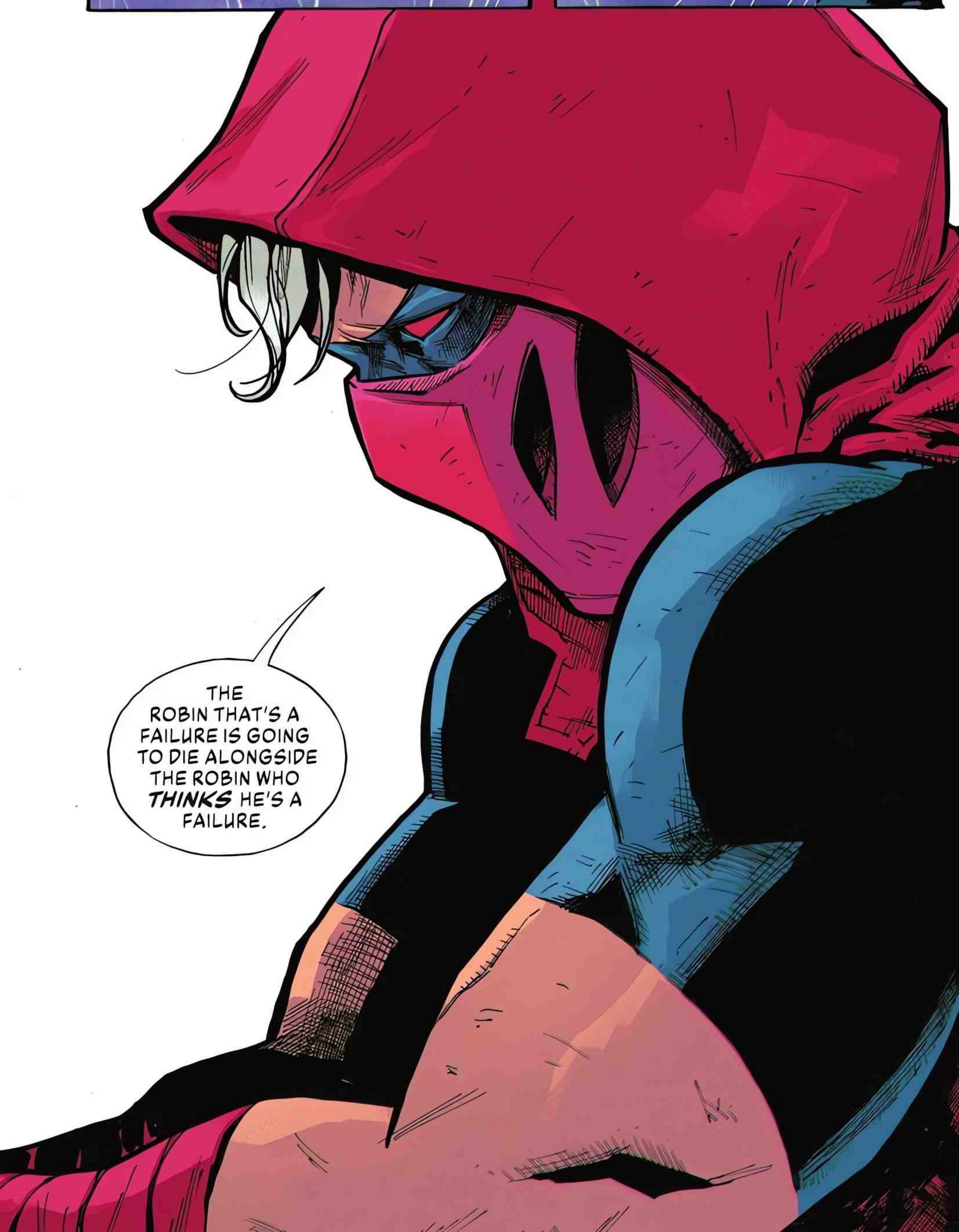


FLOATING IN
SOME KIND OF VOID...
IT'S FUNNY, I ALWAYS
PICTURED THIS TO BE
WHAT **BATMAN'S** HEAD
LOOKED LIKE, NOT
MINE.



JUST ME
AND THE VOID.
FIGURES...

AND
YOU'RE IN
THE SAME
BOAT AS
ME.



THE
ROBIN THAT'S A
FAILURE IS GOING
TO DIE ALONGSIDE
THE ROBIN WHO
THINKS HE'S A
FAILURE.



ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?

NO
ONE, AND I
MEAN **NO ONE**,
THINKS YOU'RE
A **FAILURE**,
JASON.

IS **THAT**
WHAT YOU
THINK?



IT'S WHAT I
KNOW.

THEN
YOU DON'T
KNOW **JACK**
SQUAT.

YOU DIDN'T
FAIL...**BATMAN**
FAILED YOU. YOUR
MOTHER FAILED
YOU...



YOU DID
WHAT WE WERE
ALL **TRAINED**
TO DO--YOU
SURVIVED.



TO BECOME A
MONSTER, TO
KILL PEOPLE, TO
BE PERPETUALLY
ALONE--



YOU WERE
NEVER ALONE
JASON.

JUST
BECAUSE YOU
PUSH US AWAY
DOESN'T MEAN
WE'VE GIVEN UP
ON YOU.

YOU
HAVE A LOT TO
ATONE FOR...WE
ALL DO...



BUT YOU'RE
MORE THAN YOUR
FAILURES. AND
YOU'RE NOT ALONE--
I'M ALWAYS HERE
IF YOU NEED
ME.

OF
COURSE...
BECAUSE YOU'VE
ALWAYS BEEN
THERE IN THE
PAST...

FINE...
LET'S PRETEND
THAT'S TRUE--THEN
YOU BETTER START
TAKING SOME OF
YOUR OWN ADVICE.
OKAY?



LET'S SAY
YOU'RE RIGHT
ABOUT *ME*...IF YOU
ARE, THEN YOU'RE
WRONG ABOUT
YOURSELF.



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



YOU'RE JUST
LIKE *BATMAN*,
DRAKE...YOU THINK
YOU CAN SAVE
EVERYONE.

BUT YOU
CAN'T!

SHAM!

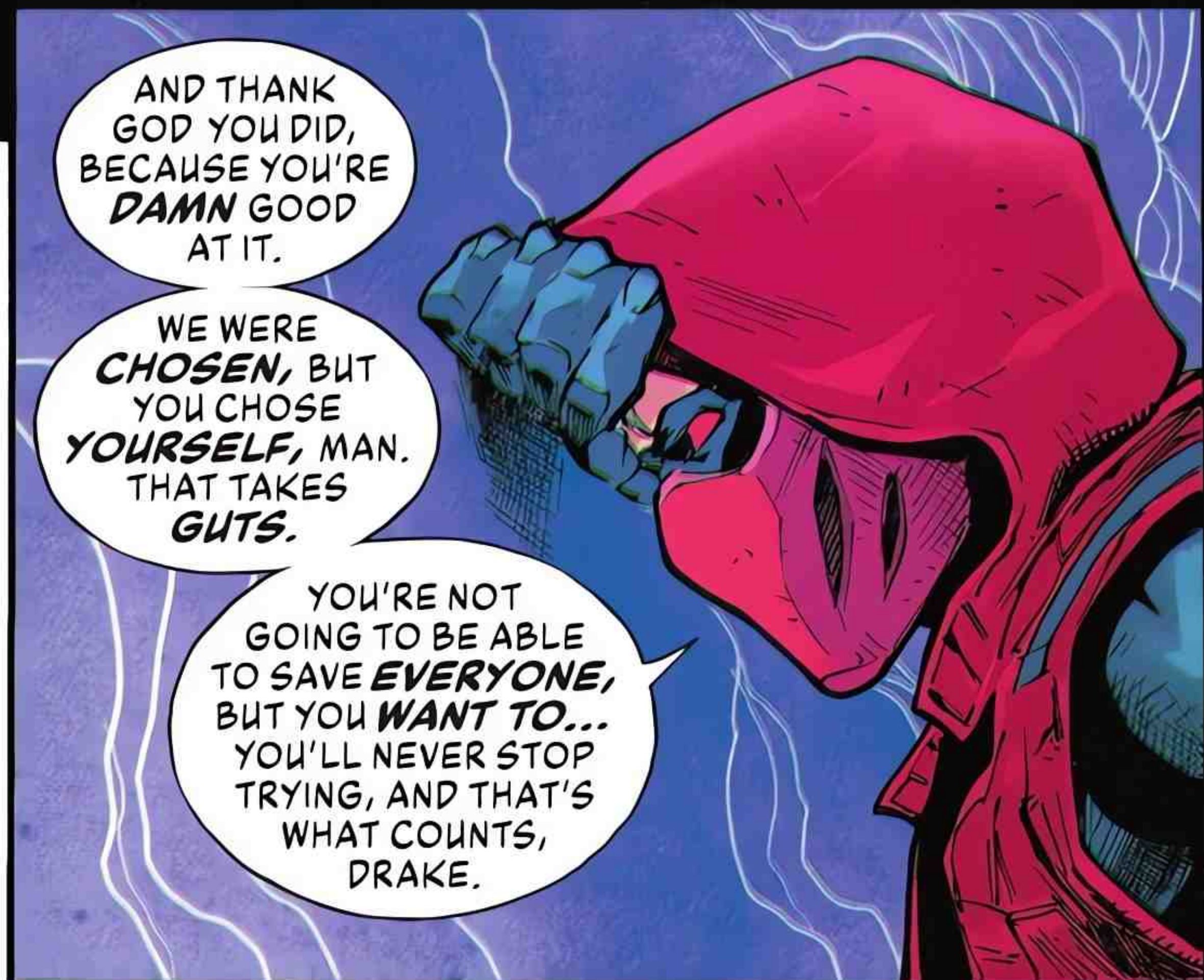
AND YOU
SHOULDN'T
PUT THAT ON
YOURSELF.



BUT MY DAD DIED BECAUSE
I *COULDN'T* SAVE HIM. I
WAS TRAINED BY BATMAN
AND IT WAS ALL FOR
NOTHING.

WHAT IF I
CAN'T SAVE BERNARD?
OR STEPHANIE? I CAN'T
EVEN GET MYSELF
OUT OF THIS.

I WASN'T
CHOSEN TO
BE ROBIN. I
DEMANDED
IT, AND--



AND THANK
GOD YOU DID,
BECAUSE YOU'RE
DAMN GOOD
AT IT.

WE WERE
CHOSEN, BUT
YOU CHOSE
YOURSELF, MAN.
THAT TAKES
GUTS.

YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO BE ABLE
TO SAVE *EVERYONE*,
BUT YOU *WANT TO*...
YOU'LL NEVER STOP
TRYING, AND THAT'S
WHAT COUNTS,
DRAKE.



JASON...
THANKS.

DON'T
MENTION
IT...

SO, NOW
THAT WE'VE BOTH
AGREED NOT TO
GIVE UP JUST YET,
HOW DO WE BEAT
THESE TWO?

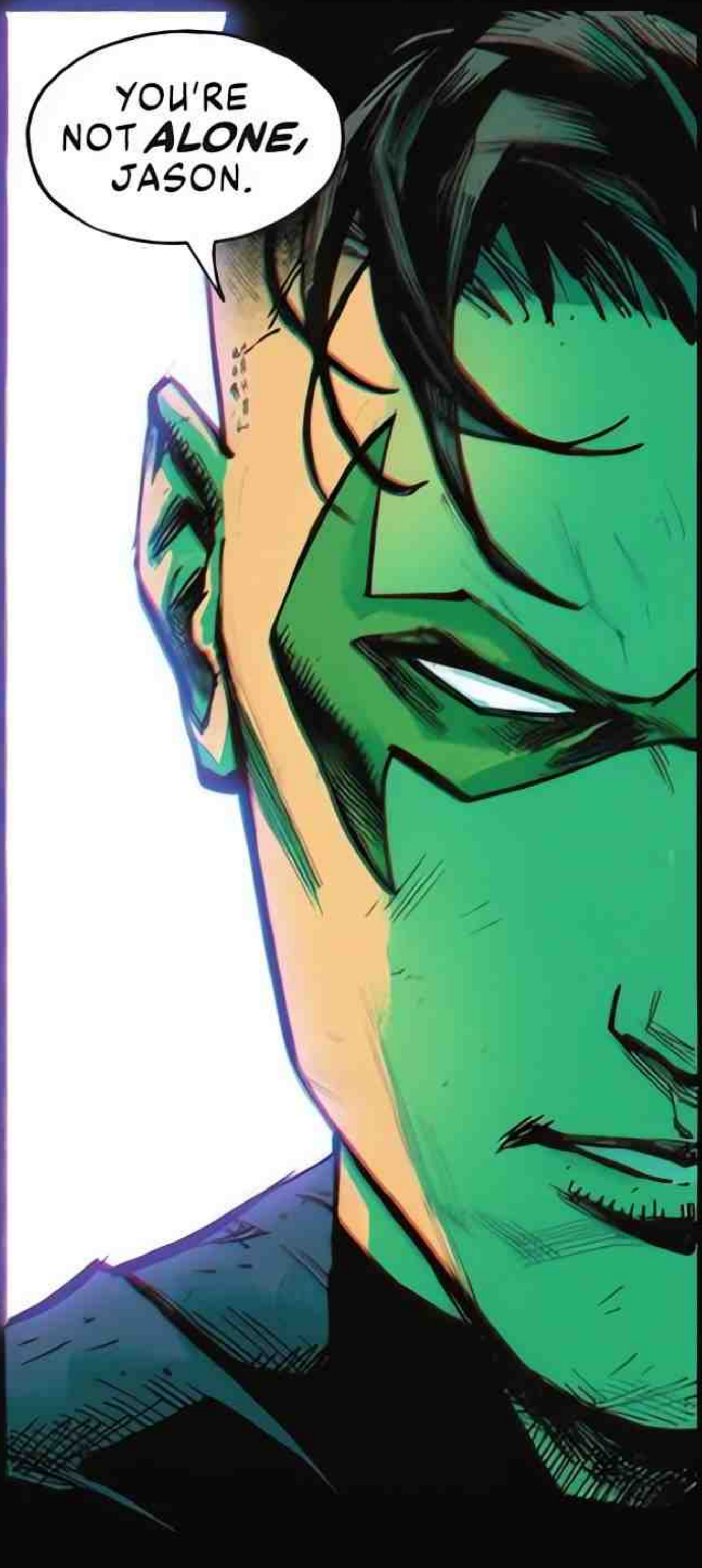


WE DEFEAT OURSELVES FIRST.

YOU GAME?



YOU KNOW **ME**--I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO TAKE MYSELF DOWN A PEG OR TWO.



YOU'RE NOT **ALONE**, JASON.



AND YOU'RE **STRONGER** THAN YOU THINK... **ROBIN**.

NOW SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU GOT.



OHHH SOMEONE MANAGED TO PULL HIMSELF OUT OF THE VOID OF DESPAIR.

YOU KNOW WHAT **THAT** MEANS?



I GET TO
BREAK YOU
ALL OVER
AGAIN!

NOW TELL
DADDY YOU LOVE
HIM BEFORE YOU
WATCH HIM **DIE**
AGAIN!



WHERE DO
YOU GET THE
STONES TO CALL
YOURSELF MY
SON?

SINCE WHEN
DID I RAISE A
FAILURE,
HUH?

A LITTLE
BRAT
PRETENDING
TO BE A
HERO!



NO.



YOU DON'T GET
TO SAY "**NO,**"
TIMMY.

IT'S
TIME TO **PAY**
FOR WHAT YOU
DID AND WHAT
YOU'RE GONNA
DO!

SNAP



YOU GOT
ME KILLED,
YOU'RE GONNA
GET YOUR
FRIENDS
KILLED--

FREEDOM



--AND YOU'RE ONLY GONNA LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO WATCH THEM ALL **SUFFER** BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T **GOOD ENOUGH!**



YOU THINK **DICK** WOULD'VE LET THIS HAPPEN?

OR **BARBARA?** OR **STEPHANIE?**

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SPECIAL? THE **PICK ME** WONDER!



THE WORLD NEEDED A **ROBIN**, SO I BECAME THE **BEST** I COULD BE.



AND **YES**, PEOPLE HAVE DIED...**MORE** PEOPLE MIGHT DIE.

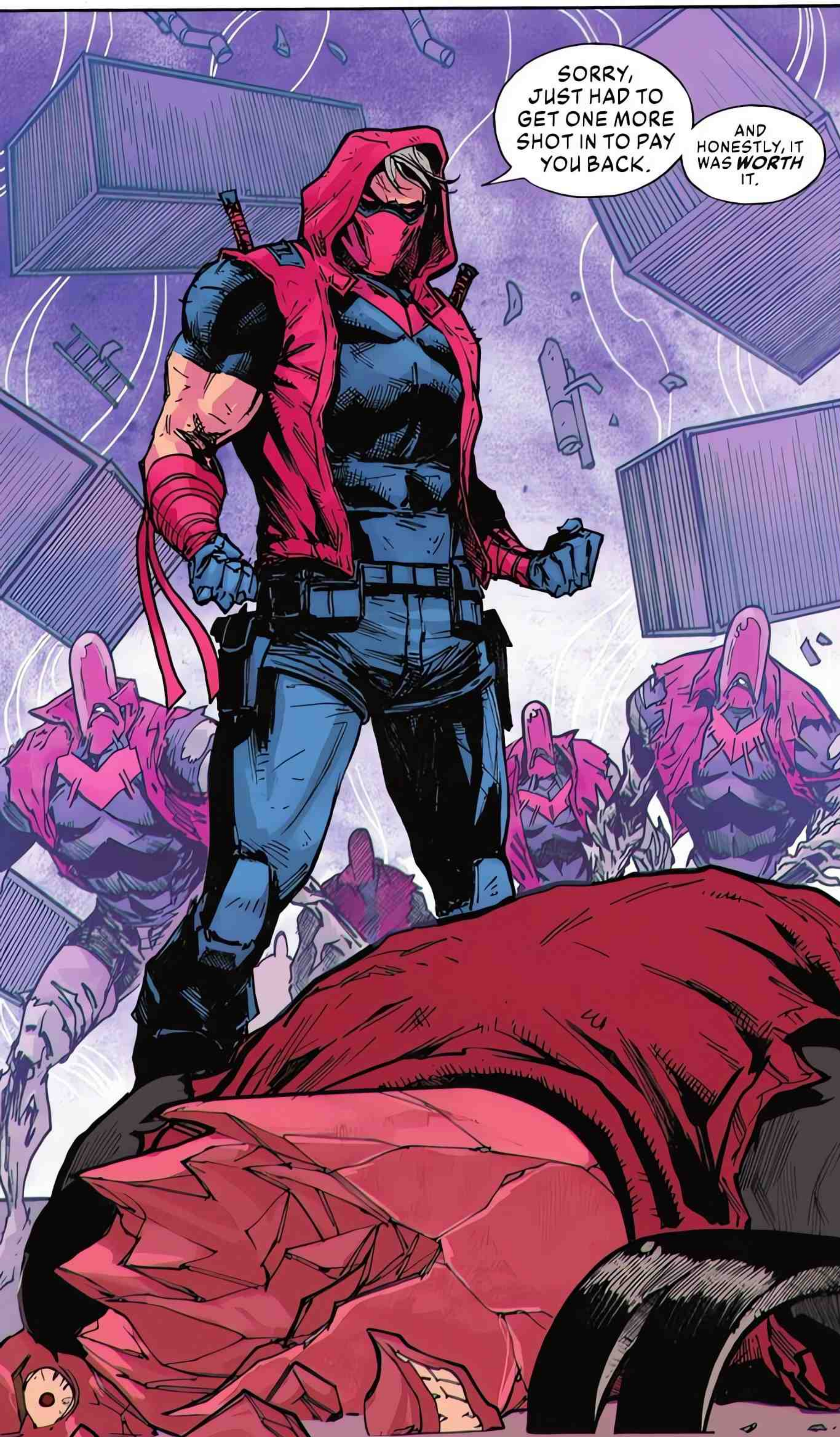
I COULDN'T SAVE YOU, DAD-- I ACCEPT THAT NOW--



--BUT THAT WON'T STOP ME FROM TRYING TO SAVE OTHERS.

OR FROM BEATING MY **CHEAP** NIGHTMARE COPY INTO **PASTE**.

WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT ME, YOU **PATHETIC LITTLE SWINE?!**







YOU DID THIS, TIMOTHY!

YOUR FATHER'S DEATH WAS **YOUR** FAULT, AND SOON THE REST OF YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE FAMILY WILL **DIE** BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH!



I CAN'T SAVE EVERYBODY.



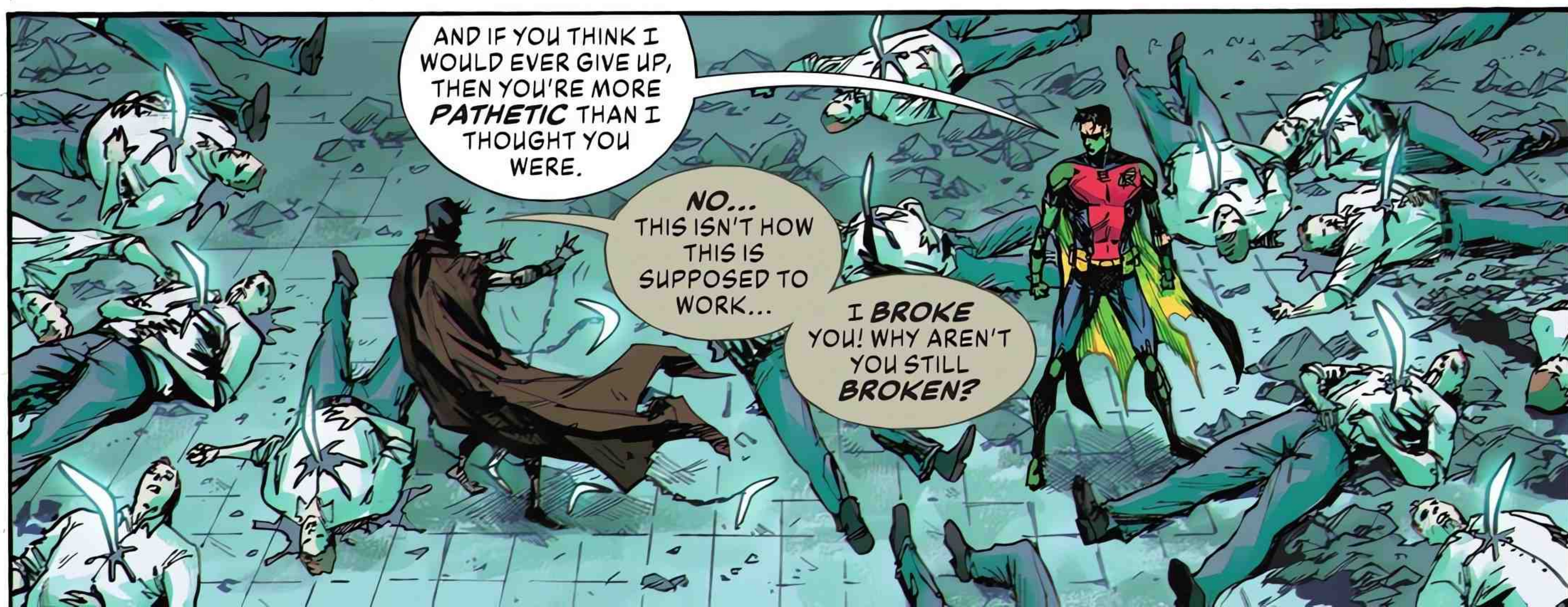
YOU COULDN'T EVEN SAVE **ONE** PERSON!



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU'LL SAVE **ANYONE ELSE** FROM DYING?



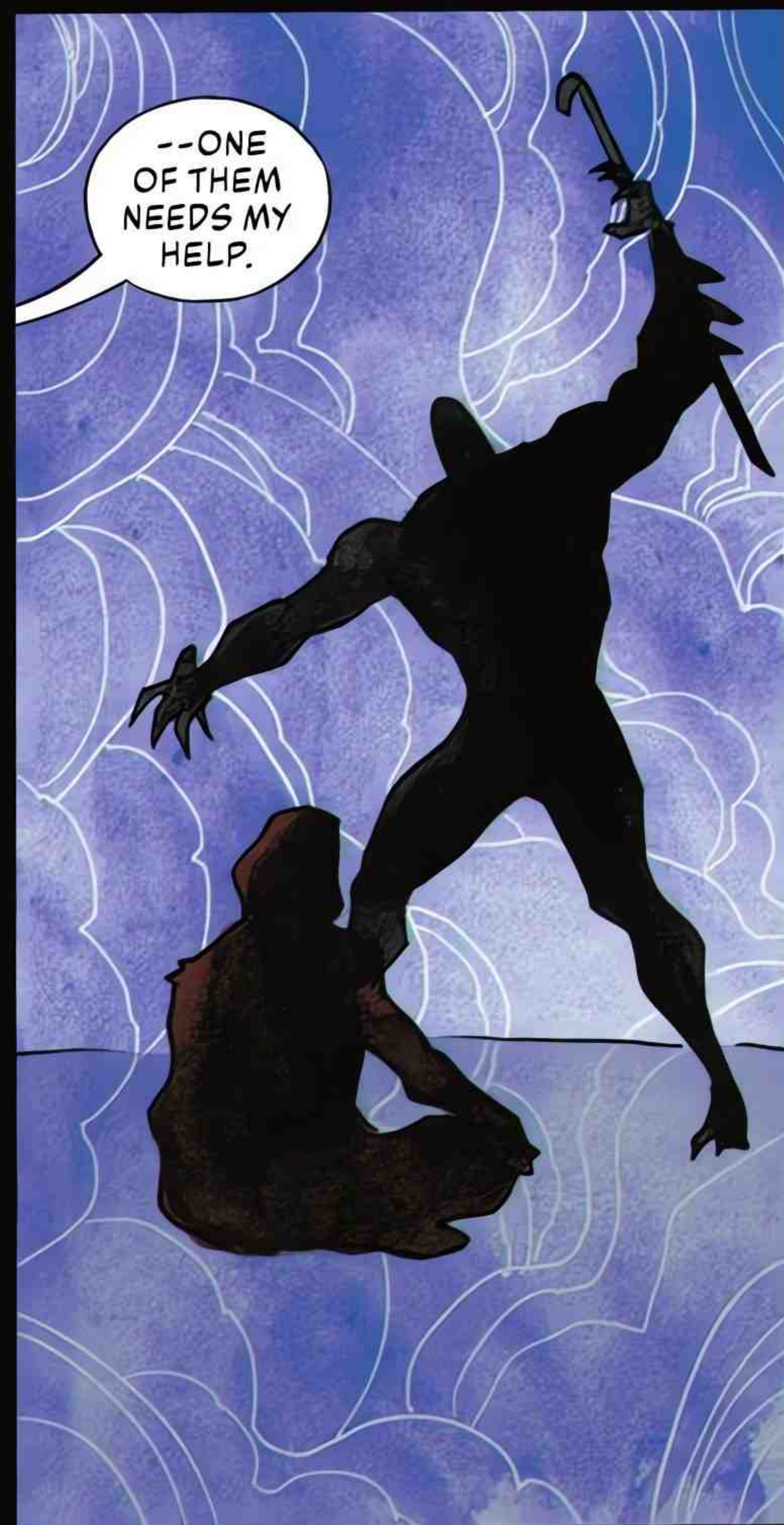
BECAUSE EVEN IF SOMEONE ELSE DIES, I'LL **NEVER STOP TRYING.**



AND IF YOU THINK I WOULD EVER GIVE UP, THEN YOU'RE MORE **PATHETIC** THAN I THOUGHT YOU WERE.

NO... THIS ISN'T HOW THIS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK...

I **BROKE** YOU! WHY AREN'T YOU STILL **BROKEN?**





FIGHT BACK
OR I'LL PUT THE NEXT
ONE THROUGH YOUR
FOREHEAD!

HEH...
WOULD **LOVE**
TO SEE YOU
TRY...

WHY DON'T
YOU WAIT FOR MY
FRIEND TO GET
HERE? I'M SURE
HE'D **LOVE** TO
SEE THAT--



GAAHHH!



IT'S TIME TO DIE
ALONE, JASON
TODD.

NO ONE
IS COMING TO
SAVE YOU.



WRONG
AGAIN,
PAL.

DRAKE,
YOU WANNA DO
THE HONORS?

KRAK
KRAK
KRAK





YOU
WOULDN'T
DARE FIGHT
US!

YOU TWO
ARE NOTHING
BUT **FRAUDS**
PLAYING AT BEING
HEROES!



IS THAT SO?
THEN LET'S
PLAY.

CLACK CLACK

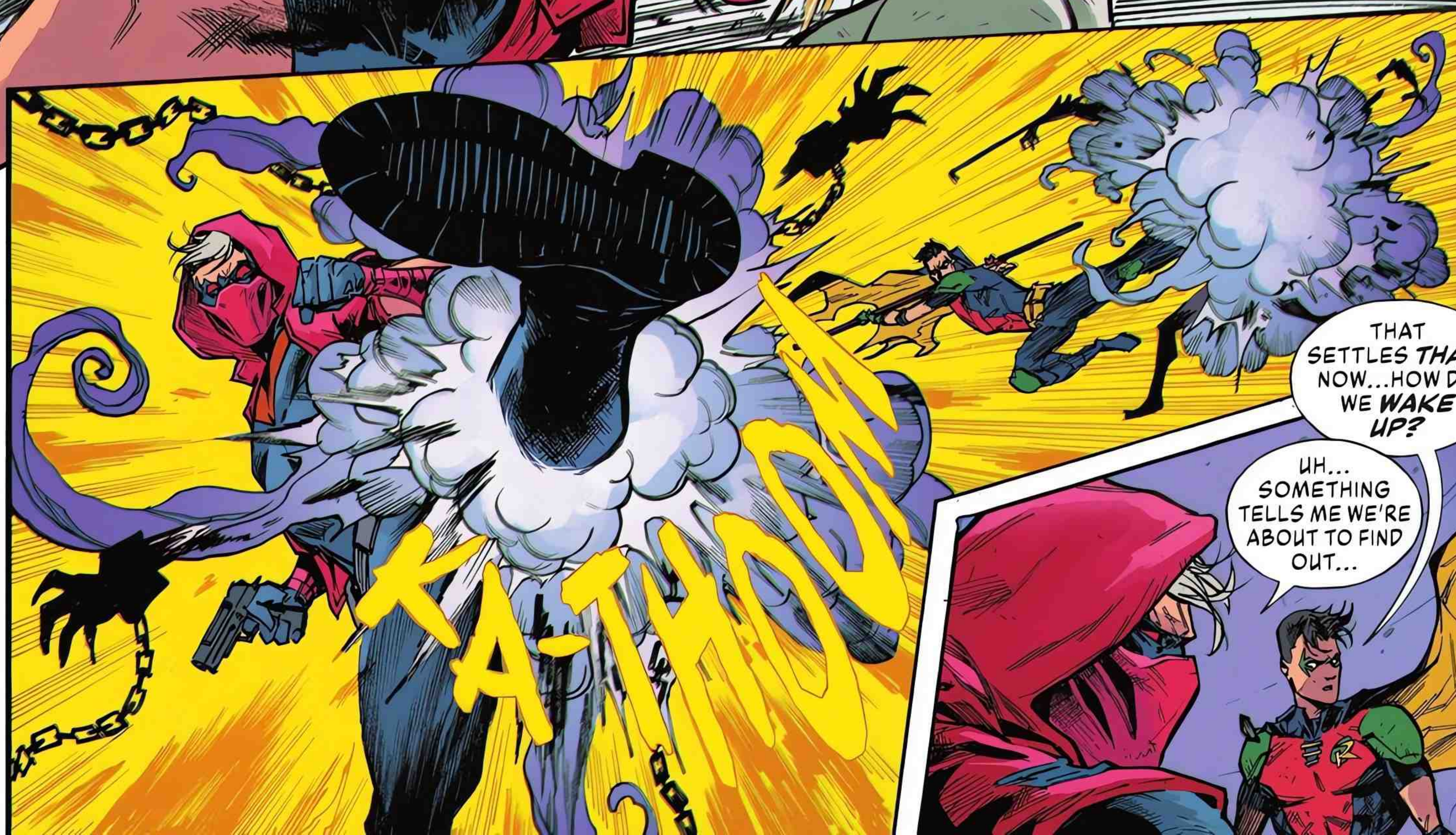
I
COULDN'T
HAVE SAID
IT BETTER
MYSELF.

CHOK



**BLAM
BLAM**

**BLAM
BLAM**



THAT
SETTLES THAT.
NOW...HOW DO
WE WAKE
UP?

UH...
SOMETHING
TELLS ME WE'RE
ABOUT TO FIND
OUT...







--BUT
IT COULD'VE
BEEN **A LOT**
WORSE.

TIM!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

BRUISED
AND BATTERED
ON THE OUTSIDE,
MENTALLY
FRIED ON THE
INSIDE.

YOU
GOOD?

GETTING
THERE...LOOKS
LIKE THERE'S
STILL A BIG MESS
TO CLEAN
UP.

SOMEBODY
PROBABLY NEEDS
A BEATDOWN...AND
I MIGHT NOT BE
ABLE TO DO IT
MYSELF.

ASSUMING
YOU REALLY WERE
IN THAT DREAM, ARE
YOU READY TO MAKE
GOOD ON WHAT YOU
PROMISED?



ALWAYS.

I'M
ON MY
WAY.

THE
END

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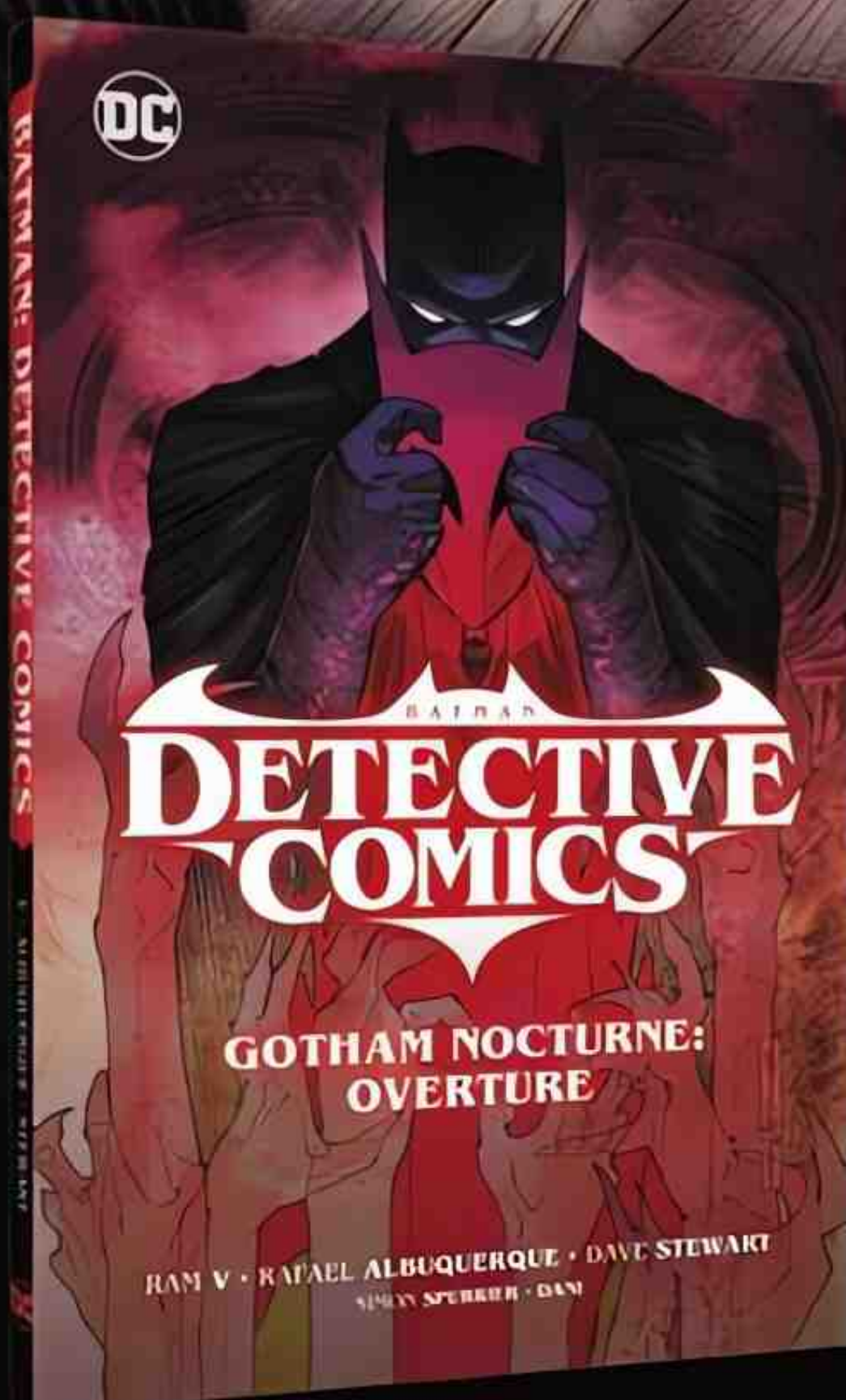
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RUDY IN

Blue Beetle



What can you tell us about Rudy, your character in the film?

On my last trip to Atlanta, I was in a car and I looked out the window and there was a guy working for the city with about a 10-inch goatee, glasses, long hair, and a city orange vest that had no sleeves, and I thought, man, that's me. I like the idea that we're so quick to judge somebody by the way they look, and Rudy is a bit of a contradiction from the way that he looks.

Why do you think the scarab chose Jaime Reyes as its host?

I think it chose Jaime because it knew that he's a good guy. The scarab chose somebody who would use their powers for good. If you go back into the bug lair and you see Ted Kord's previous Blue Beetle uniforms it was from a guy that had money, was a little bit eccentric, and would create these outfits for himself...but he couldn't fly anywhere.

What can fans expect from Blue Beetle's costume?

You've seen nothing until you've seen the Blue Beetle costume deploy and the pincers retract! It's amazing to see him fly and fight. He operates in a dark blue and black costume, similar to charcoal, which may be the coolest colors of all time. It feels more like a skin than an actual costume. I've seen a lot of bugs in my day, but I've never seen one that looks like that.

How is being a part of Blue Beetle meaningful to you?

As an actor, I've been fortunate enough to have done stand-up for a long time, had my own show named after me, and a number of other incredible things in my career. However, I would have hated to not be involved in this project. If I wasn't cast in this movie it would've been heartbreaking in a sense, but I'm honored to be a part of it. To know that you're specifically chosen to be in this great project, and give life to a guy like Rudy, is beyond an honor.



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